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WILL HE 'SPEAK THE TRUTH?'

On the back of a written-response truthfulness controversy over his involvement in the Russian 2016 election meddling, the president said on Monday that he will 'strongly consider' testifying in the ongoing House impeachment inquiry. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has been among the most insistent that the president should make an appearance and 'present his case.' 2

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Trump says he will 'strongly consider' testifying in impeachment inquiry

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Trump continues to insist he 'did nothing wrong.'

U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday said for the first time that he might be willing to testify in the impeachment inquiry over his dealings with Ukraine, even as Democrats questioned the truthfulness of his testimony in the Russia 2016 election interference probe.

Lawmakers in the Democratic-led impeachment process in the U.S. House of Representatives have not formally called Trump as a witness in the impeachment inquiry into whether he used foreign policy to try to get Ukraine to investigate domestic political opponent Joe Biden.

During former U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election, Trump said he was willing to testify but ultimately gave only written answers.

Counsel for House Democrats said in a Washington court on Monday that they are investigating whether those answers were untruthful.

Denying wrongdoing, the Republican president has railed on Twitter and elsewhere against the impeachment inquiry and attacked witnesses by name, much as he did in the two-year-long Mueller investigation.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, said on Sunday in a CBS interview that Trump has every opportunity to present his case, including coming be-

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Donald Trump

fore intelligence committee hearings.

"Even though I did nothing wrong, and don't like giving credibility to this No Due Process Hoax, I like the idea & will, in order to get Congress focused again, strongly consider it!" Trump said on Twitter.

At the heart of the inquiry is a July 25 phone call in which Trump

asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to open a corruption investigation into former U.S. Vice President Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, and into a discredited theory that Ukraine, not Russia, meddled in the 2016 U.S. election.

The hearings could pave the way for the House to approve articles of impeachment – formal

charges – against Trump. That would lead to a trial in the Senate on whether to convict Trump and remove him from office. Republicans control the Senate and have shown little support for Trump's removal.

House Speaker Pelosi, in her interview on CBS's "Face the Nation" said: "The president could come right before the committee and speak all the truth that he wants if he wants to take the oath of office ... or he can do it in writing. He has every opportunity to present his case."

Trump's written answers to federal investigators in the Mueller probe were under renewed scrutiny apparently because last week, Trump's former deputy campaign chairman Rick Gates testified in the trial of Trump ally Roger Stone that Trump's 2016 campaign

was keen to keep abreast of the release of emails by WikiLeaks website potentially damaging to the Republican's opponent, Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

Gates' testimony appeared to conflict with sworn written statements that Trump gave Mueller. Stone was convicted on seven charges, including lying to Congress.

The public phase of hearings shifts into higher gear this week when a parade of officials will face questioning by Democratic lawmakers seeking details that could link Trump to a pressure campaign against Ukraine.

Several witnesses testified last week that they were alarmed over the pressure tactics used against Ukraine, as well as the role of Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani. **REUTERS**

House investigating whether Trump lied in U.S. Russia probe: CNN

The U.S. House of Representatives is probing whether President Donald Trump lied in his written testimony submitted to then-U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller as part of the completed federal investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election, CNN said on Monday.

A House lawyer told a federal appeals court in Washington on Monday that lawmakers were examining whether Trump's written answers to federal

investigators were untruthful, CNN reported.

A spokeswoman for the House Judiciary Committee had no immediate

comment.

Mueller submitted a report to U.S. Attorney General William Barr in March after completing a 22-month investigation that detailed Russia's campaign of hacking and propaganda to boost Trump's candidacy in the 2016 election as well as extensive contacts between Trump's campaign and Moscow. **REUTERS**



GETTY IMAGES

U.S. Supreme Court puts temporary hold on Trump financial records

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday temporarily put on hold a lower court ruling that would require President Donald Trump's accounting firm to hand over some of his financial records to a Democratic-led House of Representatives committee.

The order issued by Chief Justice John Roberts does not indicate whether the court ultimately plans to hear Trump's appeal, filed on Friday, of the ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. It mere-



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ly puts the litigation on hold while the nine justices decide how to proceed. The hold remains in effect until the court acts.

The case represents

an important showdown pitting the powers of the presidency against the authority of Congress, with Trump fighting doggedly to keep details of this finances private even as he faces an impeachment inquiry in the House.

Trump turned to the justices after the D.C. Circuit decided last week that it would not revisit its October decision backing the House Oversight Committee's authority to subpoena the records from Mazars LLP, Trump's longtime accounting firm. **REUTERS**

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Cabbie accused of stabbing passenger turns himself in

Sandy de Jesus Rodriguez says the video doesn't show the full story.



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A cabbie who was accused of stabbing a passenger last month turned himself in to police Monday morning.

Sandy de Jesus Rodriguez turned himself into the 46th Precinct in the Fordham section of the Bronx.

The cab driver claims he didn't stab the man, and that's there more to the story, CBS reports.

CBS reports that surveillance footage from Oct. 13 shows a fight between two men in the lobby of a building located on Webster Ave. near E 184th St. In the footage, a man believed to be the cabbie is holding a sharp object, which was waved at the other man a



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few times.

There is also another person in the video.

Police sources told CBS that the driver followed the 21-year-old passenger home, demanding he pay the fare. It was reported that after the man refused, the driver allegedly stabbed him in the lower abdomen.

The Taxi Federation is saying that the above is not true. They told outlets that the driver was the victim and that the man and the woman seen in the footage failed to pay their fare and allegedly robbed Rodriguez.

NYS Federation of Taxi Drivers spokesperson Fernando Mateo told outlets on Sunday, "The people that should be arrested live in this building. They're the ones that robbed him. They're the ones that didn't pay his fare. They're the ones that tried to assault him."

Mateo continued, "The guy came towards him, and he pulled out a pocket knife that he uses to eat his oranges and apples in the car. He used the knife to try to keep the guy away from him because he was afraid the guy was going to beat him up."

Mateo added, "Most importantly, we want to see the hospital records. We want to know why this guy is saying that he stabbed him when he did not."

It was reported that the passenger was treated at the hospital but did not file a report since he allegedly considered his injuries minor.

Rodriguez also shared a statement, saying, "The only mistake I made was trying to get the \$190 the female passenger stole from me. I should have taken the loss and drove away, but it was hard not bringing food to my table."

The statement continued, "I hope that they are held responsible for what they did. I want the detectives to get the medical records that will prove that I never stabbed him."

ABC reports that Rodriguez has been charged with assault, menacing and criminal possession of a weapon.

BRIEFS

After a month, Long Island man still missing

The NYPD is looking for a man who has been missing for almost a month. The man landed at JFK International Airport in Queens but never arrived home.

Gontran Jacques, 27, is a resident of Long Island.

ABC reported he called his family on Oct. 28 at around noon, letting them know that his plane had landed and that he would be taking an Uber to his home, located in Bay Shore.

He did not arrive home, and his family reported him missing on Oct. 30.

Jacques is a 6-foot-3 tall Haitian male who weighs approximately 300 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes.

ABC spoke with his father, Paul Jacques, about the incident. His father told ABC his son did not have a cell phone. He said that his son's phone broke during the trip to Miami. His father is not sure where the Uber ride info is coming from.

His father also believes his son did not have any credit cards, so they are unable to track his spending.

Detectives are asking anyone with information about Jacques' location or the incident to call the third squad at 631-854-8352 or 911. BECCA GLASSER-BAKER



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Serial tire slasher on the loose in Brooklyn

The NYPD is looking for someone who has slashed over 30 cars in Brooklyn overnight.

NBC reported that the NYPD spent a Sunday afternoon investigating the slashing incident in Bay Ridge.

It was reported that at least 31 cars were vandalized overnight between Mackay Place and 72nd St.

Car owners in the neighborhood want answers.

Suzi Falzarano told NBC, "Why would someone go around slashing tires? It just doesn't make and sense. What person in their right mind would do that?"

Falzarano's car was one of the many damaged overnight.

The NYPD told outlets that intentional damage of this kind is quite common in the neighborhood. Since October, 35 cars had tire slashes or were keyed along Shore Rd.

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A gunman killed two people in a car in the parking lot outside an Oklahoma Walmart before fatally shooting himself.

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Shooting in Walmart parking lot leaves three dead in Oklahoma

Surge in gun violence in U.S. in past week, including at a Calif. high school.

Three people died in a shooting outside a Walmart store in Oklahoma on Monday morning, law enforcement officials said, the third fatal shooting at the retailer in five months and the latest in a string of gun violence across the United States.

Video of the scene showed heavy police presence around a car riddled with bullet holes in the Walmart parking lot in Duncan, Oklahoma. A white sheet, covering what appeared to be a body, was laid next to it, with blood stains visible on the ground.

The bodies of one woman and one man were found inside the car, with another dead man found outside the car, the Duncan Police Department said on Facebook. A handgun was found on the scene, police said.

The shooter was among the dead, the Duncan Banner newspaper reported citing police.

Duncan is a town of roughly 22,000 people located about 80 miles south of Oklahoma City.

The incident came the day after another shoot-



A handgun lays on the ground marked as evidence after a shooting in a Walmart parking lot on November 18, 2019 in Duncan, Oklahoma.

ing in Fresno, California, that saw at least four killed as people gathered in a backyard to watch a football game, with at least one shooter still unaccounted for.

California was also hit by a school shooting in Santa Clarita last week in which a 16-year-old boy shot and killed two classmates before turning the gun on himself, and a San Diego shooting on Saturday that saw a man kill his estranged wife and three of their young sons before killing himself.

In August, a man killed 22 people at an El Paso, Texas, Walmart and injured 26 others. He is accused of deliberately targeting Mexicans and has pleaded not guilty.

In July, a Walmart employee killed two co-workers and injured a police officer.

Walmart reassessed

the security of its stores, adding third-party security or uniformed off-duty police officers at times, following the El Paso shooting and another at a Mississippi Walmart in which an employee shot and killed two colleagues.

In September, following the El Paso shooting, the company said it would no longer sell .223 caliber and 5.56 caliber ammunition that is often used the sort of rifles with large-capacity clips that have been a major factor in some of the nation's deadliest mass shootings.

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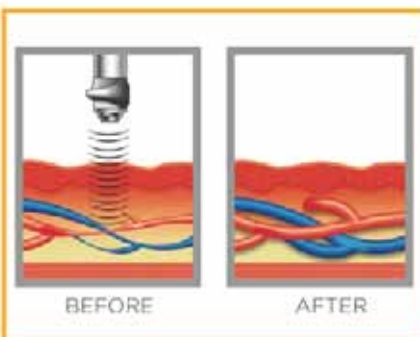
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Britain's Prince Andrew.

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Prince Andrew sex claim scandal overshadows UK election campaign

Prince's denial of relationship with Epstein leads to backlash in U.K.

A sex claim scandal involving Prince Andrew overshadowed Britain's election campaign on Monday when Queen Elizabeth's second son faced a backlash after a rambling denial of accusations he had sex with a teenage girl.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his main opponent, Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, had planned to showcase their starkly different plans for the world's fifth largest economy ahead of the Dec. 12 election.

Instead, their speeches were overshadowed by Andrew's extraordinary explanation of his relationship with late U.S. financier Jeffrey Epstein and a denial of ever having sex with one of Epstein's accusers, Virginia Giuffre, when she was 17.

At an event organized by Britain's main business lobby group, the CBI, Johnson was asked twice about Prince Andrew, including whether he shared "the nation's incredulity" about Andrew's account of his behavior and what he would advise the queen to do.

"I won't get dragged into commentary about matters concerning the

royal family," Johnson said after pledging to end the Brexit uncertainty by leading Britain out of the European Union by Jan. 31.

Earlier, Johnson was asked by a reporter whether he would encourage Andrew to cooperate with U.S. authorities over Epstein's actions. Johnson replied: "Nice try."

Andrew's comments to the BBC dominated the news agenda and drew scorn in British media, which said his explanations were unsatisfactory. Lawyers for Epstein's

"I have no recollection of ever meeting this lady, none whatsoever."

Andrew gave various reasons why her account of meeting him sweating and dancing almost two decades ago at a London nightclub before having sex with him could not be true.

These included that he suffered from a medical condition that stopped him perspiring, that he "never really partied" and that he avoided "public displays of affection."

Yet British media pub-

"Prince Andrew has brought shame on the UK and continues to disgrace himself as he shows no remorse or insight into what he has done."

Graham Smith

victims said the prince showed little sympathy for those abused.

The prince, whose official title is the Duke of York, said in the BBC interview aired on Saturday that he could not have had sex with a teenage girl at a socialite's London home because he returned to his house after a children's party on the night in question and had no memory of meeting her.

"I can absolutely, categorically tell you it never happened," Andrew said.

lished pictures of Andrew at a host of parties in the company of different women, some showing him displaying affection and clearly perspiring.

Labour's trade spokesman, Barry Gardiner, called on Andrew to give evidence to U.S. investigators over his links to Epstein.

Two days after it aired, Andrew's interview was still front page news for British newspapers, which described it as a "car crash." REUTERS

Brazil Amazon deforestation soars to 11-year high under Bolsonaro

Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon rainforest rose to its highest in over a decade this year, government data on Monday showed, confirming a sharp increase under the leadership of right-wing President Jair Bolsonaro.

The data from Brazil's INPE space research agency, which showed deforestation soaring 29.5% to 9,762 square kilometers for the 12 months through July 2019, sparked an uncharacteristic admission by the government that something needed to be done to stem the tide.

It was the worst level of deforestation since 2008, heaping further pressure on the environmental policy of Bolsonaro who favors developing the Amazon region economically.

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest and is considered key to the fight against climate change because of the vast amounts of carbon dioxide it absorbs.

Risks to the forest drew global concern in August when fires raged through the Amazon, drawing sharp criticism from France's President Emmanuel Macron.

At a briefing to discuss the numbers, Environment Minister Ricardo Salles said the rise in deforestation showed the need for a new strategy to combat the illegal logging, mining and land grabbing which he said were to blame.

Environmentalists and nongovernmental organizations placed the blame squarely on the government, saying that Bolsonaro's strong pro-development rhetoric and policies to weaken environmental enforcement are behind the rise in illegal activity.

"The Bolsonaro government is responsible for every inch of forest destroyed. This government today is the worst enemy of the Amazon," said Marcio Astrini, public policy coordinator for Greenpeace, in a statement.

Bolsonaro's office directed Reuters to remarks made by Salles and another official and did not comment further on the issue.

In August, Reuters reported Bolsonaro's government had systematically weakened environmental agency Ibama, grounding a team of elite enforcement commandos and forbidding agents from destroying machinery used to illegally deforest.

"The coming years could be even worse."

Carlos Rittl,
executive-secretary
for Climate Observ-
atory

Brazil's Climate Observatory, a network of nongovernmental organizations, said the 2019 increase in deforestation was the fastest in percentage terms since the 1990s and the third fastest of all time.

In response to the numbers, Salles vowed to roll out a series of measures to counter the rising deforestation, including stepping up enforcement efforts assisted by high-resolution satellite imaging.

The minister said he would meet governors of Amazon states on Wednesday to discuss tactics to counter deforestation.

All options are on the table, according to Salles, including mobilizing the military for use in environmental enforcement operations.

Salles' recognition that deforestation is indeed on the rise comes after months of the government casting doubt on preliminary monthly data showing destruction was skyrocketing.



An aerial view of a tract of Amazon jungle after it was cleared by farmers in Itaituba, Para, Brazil.

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Gunman opens fire at California backyard party, four killed

Group of 35 family and friends were watching football.

Police in the California city of Fresno were investigating a mass shooting at a football game party on Sunday in which at least 10 people were shot, killing four, with five others left in critical condition and another wounded, police said.

Three men died at the scene and another died at a hospital, Fresno Deputy Police Chief Michael Reed said in a late night news conference. Six more were hospitalized, he said. "Our hearts go out to the families of the victims of this thing," Reed said. "This was senseless violence. We're going to do everything we can to find out who the perpetrators were and bring them to justice."

A gunman walked into



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a backyard and started shooting at a south Fresno home, where a gathering of about 35 family and friends was watching a football game before 8 p.m., said Reed.

Neighbors soon flooded 911 dispatchers with calls for help.

The suspect fled the scene and police were

combing the neighborhood for witnesses and possible security camera footage, police said.

Police did not release further information about the shooting in the city about 200 miles north of Los Angeles, except that the dead were men between the ages of 25 and 35.

Others wounded at the party may have driven themselves to hospital, police said, adding that some victims were taken to a nearby community medical center with gunshot wounds.

A police spokesman was not immediately available to Reuters for further comment. REUTERS

Russia offers job to Maria Butina, woman convicted by U.S. of being an agent

In her first public appearance since being deported by U.S. authorities who had jailed her for being a Russian agent, Maria Butina was on Monday offered a job by Moscow to defend Russians imprisoned abroad.

During an event for the media, Russia's human rights commissioner, Tatyana Moskalkova, offered Butina, 31, a job working for her commission.

"I invite you to work in our group defending compatriots abroad. I'm sure together we'll be able to do a lot of good for people who've ended up in tough situations abroad," Moskalkova said.

Butina, who flew back to Russia on Oct. 26 after being deported, did not say whether she would accept the offer made at what she called her first public appearance since she was mobbed by well-wishers in front of the media at the airport on her arrival home.



REUTERS

Butina pleaded guilty in December last year to one count of conspiring to act as a foreign agent for Russia by infiltrating a gun rights group and influencing U.S. conservative activists and Republicans, a conviction slammed as ridiculous by Moscow.

Russia accused Washington of forcing Butina to confess.


The case put strain on relations that were already under pressure from an array of issues including U.S. allegations of Russian election meddling. REUTERS



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Why Aren't Doctors Telling Knee Arthritis Sufferers About These Two Often Successful Treatments?

Two Advanced Medical Treatments Every Knee Arthritis Sufferer Needs To Know - Before Or After Knee Replacement Surgery

NYC - If you suffer with knee arthritis pain, you have probably already tried *many* treatments... especially countless pain medications. With minimal or no results

Are there any better options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there are two very good options for knee arthritis *a lot of knee arthritis sufferers have never heard of.*

Before we get into the two treatments, please understand this...

NYC Pain MD is a REAL medical clinic that has treated thousands of knee arthritis sufferers. Patients travel from all over the state to be treated at one of their clinics because they want the best medical treatments available.

What you are about to discover are two REAL medical treatments. Not miracle cures you see on infomercials or on the internet.

Know this fact: There is no cure for arthritis. But there are *these* two treatments that have already helped thousands of knee arthritis sufferers - possibly just like you.

#1 Viscosupplementation

Here's what you need to know about viscosupplementation - the good and the bad...

When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubrication fluids in your knee. In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up."

The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid."

Pharmaceutical companies (with the help of scientists) can now make synovial fluid-like compounds that... during viscosupplementation treatments... doctors

precisely inject directly into the knee joint.

This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

What Results Can Be Expected?

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

But There Is A BIG Problem

The key is the treatment must be EXTREMELY PRECISE. If the procedure is slightly off, the formula will not get into the knee joint and the treatment will not work.

That's why the experts at **NYC Pain MD** use advanced digital imaging so they visually guide the injection accurately into the knee joint during the treatment.

Research shows that performing joint injections without imaging miss the joint as much as 30% of the time.

If you have had prior viscosupplementation without this special digital imaging without good results - this may be the exact reason why.

That's why NYC Pain MD even takes it one step further. They do not just use one form of advanced imaging during treatment - they use two in their "double confirmation" process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

Another Important Factor

Viscosupplementation "medicines" also come in several different formulas.

Just like all medications, some people respond better to one than another. While many doctors only use one formula, the experts at NYC Pain MD use several and great effort is taken to figure out what the best one is for you.

What Should You Do If Viscosupplementation Fails?

#2 Radiofrequency Neurotomy

This treatment is called, "Radiofrequency Neurotomy." RF for short

RF is a procedure that is based on the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

Several branches of nerves that surround the knee are known as "Genicular nerves."

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to the Genicular nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerves.

Two procedures are performed. First, a test, diagnostic "G Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

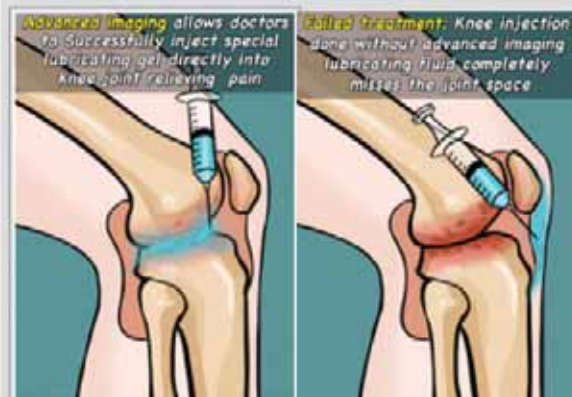
If this first "test" procedure is successful, Genicular Neurotomy (GRF) is performed for long term relief.

Is It Safe?

Research has shown this procedure to be safe and effective.

One study published November 4, 2010 in the journal *Pain* found that RF treated subjects on average "achieved at least 50% knee pain relief at 1, 4 and 12 weeks, respectively. No patient reported a post-procedure adverse event during the follow-up period. RF neurotomy of

Advanced Imaging Allows Doctors To Pin-Point Treatments And Relieve Knee Arthritis Pain



Science rescues knee arthritis sufferers? Research shows joint injections done without advanced imaging miss the joint about 30% of the time. Now doctors can put lubricating fluid directly into the arthritis joint that may alleviate pain and restore function to many.

Genicular nerves leads to significant pain reduction and functional improvement in a subset of elderly chronic knee OA pain, and thus may be an effective treatment in such cases."

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication, physical rehab or viscosupplementation do not offer good enough results.

RF may be utilized before resorting to total knee replacement. RF allows many patients to avoid knee replacement surgery.

But - RF has also been found effective AFTER knee replacement surgery when the patient still feels pain.

The pain after a failed knee replacement surgery can be debilitating and this procedure may be the only thing that helps and give you after surgery relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain

NYC Pain MD offers a limited number of complimentary knee arthritis screenings every month. These screenings are a way for knee arthritis sufferers to get their questions answered and see if they are a candidate for one of the cutting-edge treatments offered at **NYC Pain MD**. If you would like to schedule a screening, just call 877-380-8537.

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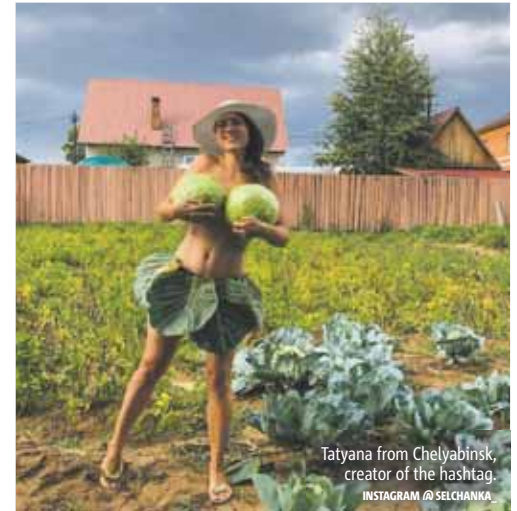
It is almost winter but the Russian #покажи свои кочаны (#ShowYourCabbage-heads) hashtag on Instagram is getting more and more popular. It was launched by @selchanka, a woman named Tatyana based in Chelyabinsk, a city located on the border of Europe and Asia. There is a similar hashtag in the English segment of the social media dubbed #nakedgardeningday. However, it was created for the 18+ category of users.

"I called on gardeners to show how beautiful are the girls in our villages."

Tatyana (a.k.a. @selchanka), author of the hashtag, stated.



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LIFESTYLE

Matthew Lopez's two-part, seven-hour gay epic envelops you in its gentle touch.

CARRIE ADAMS
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One may as well begin with the facts: "The Inheritance" is now playing on Broadway, and it's the most beautiful, tender production this reviewer has ever seen onstage. It tells the story of being young, gay and male in New York while asking itself how to do so. It's performed in two parts, experienced over multiple nights or one marathon of a day. It's loosely based on E. M. Forster's novel "Howards End." Go online and purchase tickets as soon as possible.

The show, written by Matthew Lopez and directed by Stephen Daldry, opens gradually, as barefoot young men seep onstage one at a time before the theatre lights dim. They spread cushions and knit themselves comfortably among each other on a raked stage, empty save for a giant raised platform. Each man holds a pen and paper or a laptop, trying to write a story, his story. And then, enter E. M. Forster! The men (weirdly unsurprised to see the long-dead gay British writer show up at what appears to be their writer's group) implore Forster to help them, because, as one man explains, he needs to tell his story "to understand it. To understand myself." And so, our seven-hour journey begins.

The story unfolds as Forster and members of the ensemble cast each other in it. It begins in

The caress of storytelling at 'The Inheritance'



2015 with Toby and Eric, who have been together for seven years, residing in a rent-controlled Upper West Side apartment that Eric has inherited (get it?). We see immediately that Eric lives to care for Toby and Toby lives by being cared for. They live a life a New York audience member might recognize: art openings at the Whitney, afternoons at The Strand, brunch. Enter Adam: a young, rich and aspiring actor. The three men fall into each other easily, forming a fragile friendship based on attraction and attention. While Toby and Adam are opening a play in Chicago, Eric befriends Walter, an older gay man and long-time romantic partner of well-known billionaire Henry Wilcox. Walter's story is where the show begins to take off emotionally, as he fell in love and came of age during New York's AIDS crisis. After watching contemporary gay men protect each other, hear-

ing about circumstances that prevented their predecessors from being able to do the same is all the more heartbreaking.

Wild-eyed social climber Toby is played by Andrew Burnap, who played the role in the London production (all five lead actors originated their roles in the West End). Watching him staunchly reject vulnerability while so desperately craving it is affecting and devastating. Kyle Soller – who won an Olivier Award for his West End performance – is stunning as Eric, a man so full of love it seeps from his very pores. Soller's performance will find a disarming route to your heart and remain there for a very long time. I felt lucky to witness it. Samuel H. Levine is effective if slightly wooden playing two outsiders looking in: the manipulative yet naive Adam and his sex worker look-a-like Leo. The remaining ensemble members, who spend a

majority of the show onstage watching with us, are fantastic, providing much of the show's comic relief while imbuing their own characters with heart and depth. John Benjamin Hickey and Paul Hilton round out the main cast as Henry Wilcox and Walter/E. M. Forster, respectively. They are both excellent and, unlike the younger men, wear shoes!

"Howards End" begins with the epigraph "only connect," and "The Inheritance" forces gay men to reckon with the consequences of connecting. As one character asks of the vulnerable manner through which HIV is contracted, "how could an experience that transcendent yield consequences so terrifying?" Even though the play begins with men building their own narratives, we see through the course of the show that sometimes there's no way to avoid the path that faces you.

People trying to con-

nect are bound to eventually make contact, and the way people physically touch in this show is remarkable. Each moment of contact is rendered with exhilarating love and intent – the tenderness with which Dylan Frederick and Carson McCalley grasp for and caress each other as younger versions of Walter and Henry is more intimate and delicate than anything I've ever seen on stage. Stephen Daldry's direction soars: seeing the actors relate to each other – their kinesthetic response electric – makes the show seamless and astonishing.

The actors connect with us as well: the raised platform (scenic design by Bob Crowley) becomes a table at which the performers sit, watching the action unfold. We are the fourth bench at this table, and involved we are: many audience members lived through the AIDS crisis and knew someone who was lost. For those of

us who didn't, the show gives us a vivid sense of the unimaginable.

The problem with catharsis is, once you're catharsis-ed (that can be a word, right?), you're cleansed. You don't really need another entire show to do it all again. And yet, there's Part Two. After experiencing Part One only hours before with such a satisfying, beautiful ending that demonstrates how gay men inherit (get it?) such immense history, life goes on. In Part Two, we see our characters cause each other pain as they try more and more desperately to connect but grasp for that connection in harmful, self-destructive ways. The problem is, by the end of Part Two, there are too many main characters for us to have a moment of equally meaningful reckoning for each of them: wrapping up every storyline begins to feel like a chore. It feels like Lopez anticipated our fatigue, but instead of softening his approach (or, gasp, shortening the play), the writing in Part Two becomes, at times, more heavy-handed. It's unfortunate when this happens, as his writing is dexterous and delicate for the majority of his seven-hour masterpiece.

Despite some shortcomings and inevitable audience fatigue, there are immensely beautiful moments in Part Two. Consider giving yourself a day to recover from Part One before jumping into Part Two, which may give you the energy to cry for each character as he teeters to the edge and either falls off it or finds safety in community.

If you want to be emotionally held for many hours in a room full of tender, gentle love, please see "The Inheritance." Every person who has the opportunity to sit in the Ethel Barrymore Theatre during its run is lucky.

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Simple Thanksgiving cocktails

I don't know about you, but when it comes to Thanksgiving, I need a drink or five...

Cooking for Thanksgiving is exhausting, and on top of that, dealing with extended family can be rough, and what bet-

ter way to keep everyone happy then with a tasty festive cocktail?

Since the holiday season is super busy and complicated, I put together a list of easy to make cocktails for mixologists of all skillsets. These cock-

tails are easy and quick to make, so they don't add any more stress to your already stressful turkey day meal.

Here are ten easy-to-make Thanksgiving cocktails for this holiday season:

LAST FRIDAY IN NOVEMBER

If you're looking for a unique cocktail this holiday season, look no further than this savory, smoky and spicy cocktail. This is a batch cocktail recipe that's designed for six cocktails. P.S., it travels super well.

Ingredients:

1 oz. Cholula Chipotle Hot

Sauce

11 oz. Smoked turkey bone stock
7 oz. Creyente mezcil
2 oz. Cinnamon simple syrup
2 oz. Cardamaro Amaro
3 oz. Lemon juice
5 shakes of mole bitters

Instructions:

Combine all ingredients in a container and stir.

IRISH COCKTAIL

Whiskey season is my new favorite season. This Irish cocktail is a fun take on the traditional Irish coffee, often served this time of the year.

Ingredients:

2 oz. Teeling Small Batch
3/4 oz. Mr. Coffee Liqueur

1 bar spoon simple syrup
2 dashes angostura
2 dashes orange bitters
2 dashes Pernod Absinthe

Instructions:

Shake all ingredients over ice. Strain into a rocks glass. Top with bitters and absinthe.

COAT OF LEAVES

Death & Co bartender Sam Johnson created the "Coat of Leaves" cocktail. The cocktail combines some of the best autumnal flavors such as cinnamon and cognac into a warming drink.

Ingredients:

3 oz G.H. Mumm Rosé
1 oz Martell Cognac (V.S.O.P. or

Cordon Bleu)

1/2 oz Giffard Pamplemousse Liqueur
1 teaspoon cinnamon syrup
1 dash Angostura Bitters

Instructions:

Put all ingredients into a tulip glass. Add crushed ice and gently stir to incorporate ingredients. Garnish this autumnal delight with a lemon and grapefruit twist.



The Irish Cocktail.
TEELING WHISKEY

FABLED LEAVES

This festive round-up wouldn't be complete without adding the most-loved seasonal flavor, pumpkin! This cocktail was created by Marshall Minaya, Beverage Director at Valerie & The Blushing Bar.

Ingredients:

1 oz Suntory Toki Japanese Whiskey
1/2 oz Goslings 151 Rum
1/2 oz Ancho Reyes
1 oz pumpkin puree
1/2 oz lemon juice

Instructions:

Add all ingredients to the julep cup and fill 3/4 of the julep cup with crushed ice. Swizzle or stir gently. Top with crushed ice and garnish.

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PATRÓN'S SIDELINE CIDER

There's nothing more synonymous with fall than apple cider, so obviously, I couldn't write this round-up without including a boozy cider. I opted for Patrón's take on the beverage.

Ingredients:

2 oz Patrón Añejo
1-1/2 oz apple cider
3/4 oz simple syrup
3/4 oz fresh lemon
Grated cinnamon
Lemon wheel

Instructions:

Add all ingredients in glass mug over ice. Grate cinnamon sprinkles over the top and garnish with a lemon wheel. To make it a hot cider, slowly heat everything in a saucepan.

RUFFINO JACK OF SPADES

This bubbly beverage has everything you could dream of in it. From Prosecco to cognac to apple cider. This is a great drink to satisfy even the pickiest drinkers.

Ingredients:

2 parts Ruffino Prosecco
1-1/2 parts cognac
3/4 parts lemon juice
1 part apple cider
1/2 part honey syrup (2:1 honey to water)
Apple slices

Instructions:

Shake the cognac, lemon, apple cider and honey syrup together. Strain into a lowball glass with ice and top with the Prosecco. Garnish with an apple slice.

MILAGRO'S SPICED HOT CHOCOLATE

Hot chocolate is my go-to drink during the holidays, so why not take it to the next level and add some booze? This cocktail was created by Jaime Salas, a National Milagro Ambassador.

Ingredients:

1-1/2 Parts Milagro Añejo
3 Parts Taza Guajillo Chili Chocolate
Heavy cream
1 pinch chili powder
Instructions:
Build in a mug suitable for hot beverages. Top with whipped cream and chili chocolate shavings.

HOT BUTTERED MONEY

Vance Henderson created this funky cocktail. The Hot Buttered Money uses some unique ingredients such as tea, maple syrup and more.

Ingredients:

1-1/2 parts Monkey Shoulder Malt Scotch Whisky

3/4 parts maple syrup
4 parts chai tea
1 teaspoon butter

Instructions:

Add whisky and maple syrup to mug and top with hot tea. Lightly stir then top off the drink with the butter.

MIDNIGHT MEISTER

Looking for a cocktail to perk you up after your turkey? Look no further than this coffee-infused Jägermeister cocktail created by Randy Coffren of Snake Hill in Baltimore.

Ingredients:

1-1/2 oz Jägermeister
1/2 oz Brinley's coconut cream
3 oz Black Acres cold brew

Instructions:

Mix everything together in a shaker. Shake and pour over ice. Garnish with a mint leaf.

BELVEDERE TODDY

A hot toddy is a seasonal favorite and cocktail recipe that everyone should have on hand. If you don't have a recipe for a hot toddy, now you do!

Ingredients:

1 oz Belvedere Vodka
1-1/2 oz hot water
1 oz French fortified wine
1 oz fresh lemon juice

1/2 oz honey

Garnish: Cinnamon stick, orange wedge, clove, nutmeg

Instructions:

Add hot water to warm up the mug, then add the honey to melt. Add remaining liquid ingredients. Garnish the drink with any of these fall favorites: nutmeg, cinnamon stick, orange wedge and/or cloves.

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Jets quarterback Sam Darnold has taken full advantage of bad opponents over the past two weeks. **GETTY IMAGES**

What is fueling Sam Darnold's hot streak?

The Jets franchise QB has put together two straight promising games. The theme? The defenses have not been good.



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At last, Sam Darnold is showing promise under Adam Gase.

The New York Jets' second-year quarterback looks to have found his footing under the franchise's first-year head coach — who was brought on largely to help develop the young franchise passer.

Darnold and the Jets are winners of two straight after a 34-17 triumph over the Washington Redskins in Landover, MD on Sunday afternoon.

They've taken advantage of their once-in-

four-year matchups with the NFC East, picking up all three of their victories against teams from that division; most notably in Week 10 against the Giants.

But the optimism surrounding Darnold — not so much Gase despite getting a vote of confidence from Jets ownership — was nonexistent during the first half of the 2019 season.

Headlined by a bout with mononucleosis that held him out for three games, Darnold struggled mightily under center as the Jets began the season 1-7.

The offense was a complete non-factor, averaging just 12 points per game during that stretch while scoring eight touchdowns.

So, what has changed?

Not much. Darnold didn't throw the ball more often nor have we seen a sizable boost in his aggression throwing the ball downfield.

It might just be coming down to the quality of defenses that the Jets have matched up against over the past two weeks.

The Giants and Redskins' overall defenses rank within the bottom 10 of the NFL. The two are in the bottom 11 in net yards gained per pass attempt and quarterback sacks.

This has given a reprieve to the Jets' struggling offensive line, which yielded tons of pressure on their young quarterback.

With more time to throw, Darnold has seen a bump in his stats as he's gotten more opportunities to break down the opposing defense.

Is this a reason to limit expectations? Sure. But Darnold is showing that if the Jets can build their offensive line correctly in the future, his chances of living up to the hype will only increase.

Here's a look at his recent splits:

SAM DARNOLD STATS LAST 2 GAMES

RECORD: 2-0
AVERAGE TIME TO THROW: 3.21 SECONDS
AVERAGE ATTEMPTS PER GAME: 30
COMPLETION PERCENTAGE: 63.33%
YARDS PER GAME: 261.5
YARDS GAINED PER PASS ATTEMPT: 8.72
TOUCHDOWNS: 5
INTERCEPTIONS: 1
QUARTERBACK RATING: 112.0
JETS OFFENSE POINTS PER GAME: 30.5
AVERAGE RANK OF OPP DEFENSES: 25TH

SAM DARNOLD STATS FIRST 5 GAMES

RECORD: 1-4
AVERAGE TIME TO THROW: 2.62 SECONDS
AVERAGE ATTEMPTS PER GAME: 34.8
COMPLETION PERCENTAGE: 63.22%
YARDS PER GAME: 215.4
YARDS GAINED PER PASS ATTEMPT: 6.19
TOUCHDOWNS: 6
INTERCEPTIONS: 9
QUARTERBACK RATING: 70.5
JETS OFFENSE POINTS PER GAME: 12.0
AVERAGE RANK OF OPP DEFENSES: 11TH

Barzal scoring at all-time personal pace

The Islanders' star center is finding his groove in Year No. 3.



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A major key to the New York Islanders' success in 2019-20 was always going to be the continued development of star center Mathew Barzal.

For a team built on a strong defense and goal-tending tandem, goals were at a premium for Barry Trotz's men last season. Without a marquee, offensive upgrade during the offseason — despite a trip to the Eastern Conference semifinals — those struggles were expected to continue.

A byproduct of such expectations meant there would be plenty of pressure on the likes of Barzal to start lighting the lamp more than he showed over his first two NHL seasons. The 22-year old had built an early reputation of being a pass-first playmaker rather than a goal-scoring commodity.

That was, until this season.

Barzal has found his scoring touch as a more aggressive version of the center has helped pace the Islanders offense during their NHL-best 14-game point streak.

In just 18 games this season, he has nine goals and eight assists (17 points), including a goal



Mathew Barzal has 17 points in 18 games. GETTY IMAGES

during the Islanders' frenzied third-period comeback from a 3-0 deficit that resulted in a shootout victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Saturday night.

Barzal added an exclamation point in the shootout that featured an "around-the-world" deke that opened the five-hole of Flyers goalie Brian Elliott.

This year's current goal output is already half the amount of goals he scored last season in 82 games. Barzal didn't score his ninth goal of the season in 2018-19 until game No. 37 — which came during a hat-trick performance against the Toronto Maple Leafs on Dec. 29.

The obvious difference in Barzal's game has been his willingness to shoot the puck.

Through 18 games last season, he shot the puck just 28 times. He has 42 shots this season.

But his shot selection

has also been improved by leaps and bounds. Over his first 164 career games, Barzal's shot percentage was at 11.5 percent. This year, it's at 21.4 percent, which ranks ninth among all NHL skaters with at least nine goals this year.

His ability to mold into Trotz's defensive system has also seen him get more ice time — averaging a career-high 19:02 per game. His plus-13 rating leads the Islanders while he continues to win the trust of the coaching staff.

The Islanders look to make it 14 wins in 15 games tonight against the Penguins, who are the only team to defeat Barzal and Co. since Oct. 11.



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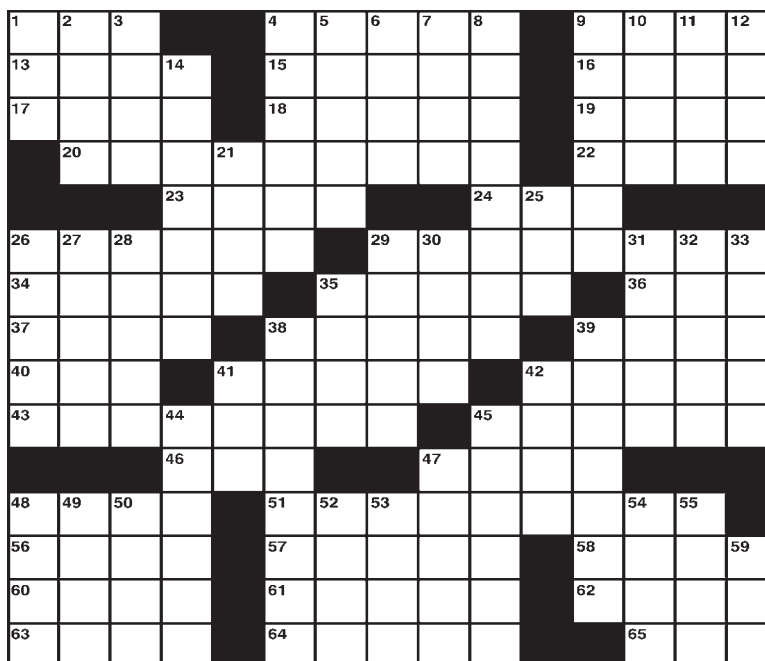
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